

The Caledonian Mercury.



Edinburgh, Monday, September 2, 1728.

From the Country Journal, Aug. 24.

WE do not hear that the general Conferences at Soissons have been yet renewed, according to the Assurances given last Week both at home and abroad. On the contrary, all Advices say, That C. Zinzendorf, the D. de Bourbonville, and the other principal Ministers were to follow the Court to Fontainebleau, in order to carry on their private Negotiations with Cardinal Fleury. The D. de Bourbonville has not yet delivered in the specifick Pretensions and Grievances of the K. of Spain, whose inaccessible Retirement and Confinement to his Chamber, begins to raise Suspicions that it is done with some Design, not very favourable to the present Posture of Affairs. It is certain that his Catholick Majesty has not yet discovered great Inclinations to recede from any of his Pretensions; and the Emperor seems resolved immoveable to all Engagements; so that should other Powers prove as stiff in Asserting of their Rights, and have the Happiness to be seconded as zealously and sincerely by their Allies, we may easily guess what will be the Consequence: For beside the Difficulties and Obstacles which have so long retarded the Pacification, with regard to the Possession of Gibraltar, the Abolition of the Ostend Company, the Return of the Galleons and the British Squadron from the W. Indies, new Ones seem almost daily to spring up, particularly with respect to E. Friesland, which seems to be a Dispute entirely between the Emperor and the Dutch. tho' the latter endeavour all they can to make it a *Casus Fœderis*. The Case of the Altena Company seems also to be of much Importance, and so necessary to be adjusted before a general Treaty takes place, that the Ministers of Great Britain and Holland have presented a Memorial on that Subject. In short, if any Credit is to be given to all Advices and Intelligences, domestick or foreign, from our Friends or Enemies, the Affairs of Europe and the Business of the Congress do not seem to go so well on as every

good Subject and Lover of Peace ought to wish: Nay, some News writers have not scrupled to assert this Week, with Impunity and without Contradiction, That as Things now stand, the Congress is more likely to break up *re infecta*, than to end in a safe and honourable Peace.

They write from Warwickshire, That at Hampton in Arden, a Cow has lately brought forth a Calf with two Heads, two Tails, and two different Hearts, and the Body of a very large and uncommon Size. This hath occasioned many weighty speculations among the Vulgar.

From Northampton, That a young Lad asking a Countryman, what he should do to be talk'd of after he was dead, was answered that he might go hang himself; upon which the Lad went into a Barn and did as he was advised.

From Mist's Weekly Journal, Aug. 24.

Advices from Constantinople say, That Elreffi, who holds the Reins of Government in Persia, in Prejudice of the Royal Family, finds himself in so tottering a Condition, that he has been obliged to make good two Articles of the Peace which he had up with the Turks, which he had formerly put off a good while in order to evade his promises, first of restoring what he had formerly taken from 'em in a Victory, and 2dly, of yielding up a certain Town and Territory: But this latter, as a Salvo to his Honour, after a pretended Opposition by the Governor, was seemingly taken by Force. The entire Execution of this Peace has put Esref in a Security from the Turks; but standing in no good Terms with the Muscovites or other Neighbours, and being hated by the Persians for his great Oppressions, he was nevertheless but in a very uncertain State. So that the loyal Persians had a good Prospect of Success, and of bringing the Government again into the right Line, after all the Confusions and Revolutions that have attended the departing from it.

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They write from Spittlefields, that a Dissenting Teacher had been ejected for keeping two Concubines, which prevented his Female Admirers from edifying by him.

We hear a Fortrefs is to be built at Port Royal in South Carolina for the Protection of our Ships, and another in West Jerley, whither two Regiments are to be sent, in order to recover and protect that Settlement against the Indians: Also that a Company is to be crected for furnishing Naval Stores or the Plantations, there being no Liklihood of the Yorkbuildeas doing it from Scotland.

Two Maltese Men of War have taken a Corsair after a Bloody Engagement, and all the Moors were put to the Sword, they not having asked for Quarter.

Six or seven daring Street Robberies have been committed this Week.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Aug. 24.

Milan, Aug. 4. Some Days ago died in the Monastery of St. Valeria, a Nun aged 107, who had been 80 in that Convent.

London, Aug. 24. Extract of a Letter from Jamaica, dated June 24.

" All the News here is the Expectation of Peace, from a certain Account of the Preliminaries being signed. The Galleons by this Time, I suppose, are all gone. Our Men of War are all arrived and are preparing for Great Britain as fast as they can, after an Expedition attended with the Loss of 2 Admirals, 8 or 10 Captains, about 50 Lieutenants, and about 4000 Sailors; who fell all by Sickness, that dreadful and irresistible Enemy.

Letters from Marfeilles dated the 20th Instant, N. S. advise, That the French Squadron had at last bombarded Tripoli in Barbary; and that in 5 succeeding Nights they had thrown into it 1873 Bombs.

From the St. James's Evening Post, Aug. 24.

Paris, Aug. 28. A Soldier of 113 Years was last Week put into the Hospital of Invalids: He has been 80 Years in the King's Service.

The King has sent for the Queen, to come to him to Fountainbleau.

London, Aug. 24. We hear the Lords of the Admiralty have ordered Capt. Smith, Commander of

his Majesty's Ship Sapphire, now going to Africa to inquire of the Dutch Factors, their Reasons for taking the Ship Boneta belonging to the African Company, and to make a Report to their Lordships, to be laid before his Majesty.

From the Post Boy Aug. 24.

Rome, Aug. 7. Most of the Cardinals have been pressing the Pope to make his Nephew Signor Orsini a Cardinal; but the old Pontiff roundly answered them, That he had no Inclination to make any more Cardinals for the present; and that they might depend upon't, those that moved Heaven and Earth to get at the Purple, should be no Cardinals for him. This may affect other Gentlemen of the Church, who were gaping after Promotion.

Hanover, Aug. 24. Large Sums of Money have been remitted to Cassel, for the Payment of the Troops in the Service of Great Britain. We hear that Prince William of Hesse-Cassel is again indisposed.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Aug. 27.

Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland, and one from France.

THE Advices by the Holland Mail from Madrid, dated the 14th Inst. give Account, That his Catholick Majesty still keeps his Chamber, and even his Bed; which is attributed to a deep Melancholy that Prince has been in for some Time past; That Count Coningsbeck, th' Imperial Ambassador, having received an Express from Paris, went immediately to communicate the Contents thereof to the Queen, which was on the 8th Instant: And a few Days after, the British Minister sent an Express to his Court by the Way of Paris. Mean time they add, That Orders were issued for impressing Men to serve on board the Squadron that is sitting out at Cadiz, but upon what Design is yet a Secret.

The Letters from Soissons of the 26th Instant, make no mention of any of the Plenipotentiaries being returned thither from Paris, except Mr. Hope, Plenipotentiary of the States General. But the main Points for establishing a General Peace are debating among the Plenipotentiaries at Fountainbleau, designing to have little or nothing to be done upon their Return to Soissons, in relation to

to the important Work, but only the Form of a Congress to pass upon it.

As to the fresh Account given of more Ships being taken by the Spanish Privateers in the West Indies, they are of such Dates as shew they could not then be informed of the King of Spain's Orders for a Cessation of Hostilities, which did not arrive there till the 23d of June; whereas the Account given this Day from St. Christophers, of the Dolphin, burden 200 Tuns, bound from Barbadoes for London, being taken by a Spanish Sloop, and carried into St. Domingo, happened on the 9th of the aforesaid Month.

Last Saturday Morning Count Kinski, Ambassador of the Emperor, with his Lady and a fine Retinue, landed at Dover from Calais, and his Excellency arrived last Night at his House in the Hay-Market.

P. S. Letters from Soissons of the 29th Instant advise, That most or all of the absent Plenipotentiaries were arrived there, and that there appeared a very good Understanding between them; and 'tis assured that on the Day after the Date, there was to be a Grand Assembly at the Castle, and that there would be then laid before them some Articles agreed on at Fountainbleau, which gives some Life to the Report we had with Respect to the 12 Years Peace, &c.

We learn from Woodstock, that a fine upright Marble Statue of the late Duke of Marlborough, is erected at a considerable Distance from the famous Castle of Blenheim, on the Centre of the Grand Front thereof, on a Pedestal about 50 or 60 Feet high, in Shape at the Bottom like the Monument in London, where it is to be a curious Inscription, in Honour and Memory of that unparalleled General. 'Tis added, That her Grace the Dutchess resides at Blenheim Castle now, and on Thursday last dined with the Reverend Dr. Bradshaw Bishop of Bristol, at Christ's Church College in Oxford, and next Day with Mr. Rowney, one of the Representatives of that City.

It is reported by some Passengers lately arrived from France, That they saw the Duke of Wharton at Rouen, and with him Mr. Mist the Printer; and 'tis believed what was insert in his *Journal of Saturday last*, being *A Relation of the present State of Affairs in Persia*, was penn'd by the said Duke, and

sent hither to be published; which must be shewing to every *True Briton* that reads it. And some are of opinion that the Printer thereof will be prosecuted for High Treason.

Last Saturday the King and Queen hunted the Stag in Busby Park, which getting out, run as far as Weybridge, and being killed in the Terras-walk belonging to the Earl of Lincoln's Gardens, their Majesties went to Breakfast with the said Earl.

The Ambassador of Tripoli, comes to renew the Peace which has subsisted 50 Years.

'Tis reported that in a Post or two we shall have an Account of the Galleons being arrived at Cadix.

From the Post Boy, Aug 27.

Hague, Aug. 27. It was not without the Knowledge and Consent of the Courts of Great Britain and France, that their High Mightinesses took the Resolution to order 3000 Men to hold themselves in a Readiness to march at an Hour's Warning: But whenever this Warning is given 'em, the Governor of Embden will receive secret Instructions, at the same Time, with Orders to be on his Guard, and rest assured that he shall not want Assistance in case of an Attack. 'Tis generally believed here that the Imperial Court has a *private* and *selfish* View in this Affair of East-Friesland, and namely, to deprive their High Mightinesses of their Right of putting a Garison into the Town of Embden, which they have enjoyed without Dispute for upwards of 100 Years, and so by degrees to render that Town independent of all Foreign Power; and being thus free, his Imperial Majesty might remove the India Company of the Austrian Netherlands, from Ostend to Embden, without any *reasonable* Complaint or Hindrance on the part of this State or the other Allies of Hanover. The Prince of East Friesland would readily come into this Scheme of the Imperial Court, as being the greatest Gainer by it, both in regard to his Sovereignty, and to the Profit that is to be made of it. But the Allies of Hanover would use their utmost Efforts to render that Design abortive; and the Troops of Hanover would be of particular Service on this Occasion, the Principality of East-Friesland being as it were wedged in between this State and the Electorate of Hanover; and their High Mightinesses being in Possession of their two principal Fortresses, viz. Embden

den and Lieroot, the last of which is call'd the Key to the Provinces of Friesland and Groeningen, and was haughtily demanded as such by Count Bana of East Friesland in the 1621: But their High Mightinesses gave him an Answer sutable to his Demand, and could never be prevail'd on to part with a Place of so great Importance. For the rest, we flatter ourselves that this Affair will be discuss'd in the Congress, tho' the Imperial Court eludes it, for Reasons formerly mentioned.

From the Evening Post, Aug. 27.

Munich, Aug. 25. This Morning the Electress of Bavaria was brought to Bed of a Prince.

Hamburg, Aug. 27. Here is a Report that the Duke of Holstein is to marry a Royal Princess, having already the Consent of the Emperor of Russia for it.

From the London Evening-Post, Aug. 27.

Paris, Aug. 28. We expect the Confirmation of a Report, that 3 of the Spanish Galleons are arriv'd at Cadix from America.

London, Aug. 27. The Account given lately in the News-papers, of Capt. Williamson's Ship from Amsterdam being seized, with 2 Spanish Gentlemen on board, was without Foundation.

S. S. Stock, 103, 14th, &c.

Haddington, Aug. 30, 1728.

Best Wheat, 12, 00, 00.	2d, 10, 10, 00.	3d, 10, 04 00
Best Bear, 08, 10, 00.	2d, 08, 06, 00.	3d, 08, 04 00
Best Oats, 06, 04, 00.	2d, 06, 00, 00.	3d, 05, 16 00
Best Pease, 00, 00, 00.	2d, 06, 16, 00.	3d, 06, 10 00

ADVERTISEMENTS.

[JF] At Dumfries, on Tuesday the First of October next, a PLATE of Ten Pound sterl. Value is to be run for on the ordinary Course, by any kind of Horse, 3 Heats, carrying 10 Stone English including Saddle and Bridle. The Horses to be entred at least 10 Days before, and pay each Half a Guinea at Entree. And on Thursday the 3d of October, a Plate of Twenty Pound sterl. Value is to be run for on the same Course by any kind of Horse, 3 Heats, each Horse carrying 10 Stone English, including Saddle and Bridle. The Horses to be entred at least 10 Days before, and each to pay a Guinea and an half at Entry. *Nota.* No Running under 3 Horses at both Races. And on Friday the 4th, the Inputs of the 2 forgoing Races to be run for

by Galloways 14 Hands high, carrying 8 Stone English, on the same Course, 3 Heats, and Allowance of Weight for Inch to any that are under 14 Hands. The other Articles and Conditions to be seen any Time in the Town-Clerk's Office.

[JF] That there is an ASS new colted at Newmills near Haddington, to be sold. Inquire at Mr. James Craig Writer to the Signet, at his Lodging in Edinburgh; or at Alexander Home in the Town-Clerk's Chamber; or at Mr. Turnbull in Newmills: Who will inform as to the Price.

[JF] The Lands of CRAIG of Auchindore, holding Feud of the Lords Grange and Dun, and the Laird of Drum, lying in the Parish of Auchindore and Sheriffdom of Aberdeen, about L. 1786 15 10 free Rent, (beside several Kain Fowls) whereof there are 6 Chalders good Meal, and two Chalders good Bear; well accommodate with Moss, Grass, and Pasture for Black Cattle, having a good Mansionhouse and a fine Garden, a good Lime and Stone Quarry not rentalled, but may be improv'd to a vast Advantage, by reason of the Plenty of Moss, and no other such Quarries in the Neighbourhood: ARE to be expos'd to Sale by publick Roup in the Exchange Coffeehouse in Aberdeen, upon the Sixteenth Day of October 1728, at 3 o'clock after Noon, either in Whole or in Parcels, as Purchasers appear. The Conditions of the Roup and Progress of Writs to be seen in the Hands of Alexander Thomson, Advocate in Aberdeen.

[JF] We whose Names are subjoined, being resolv'd to preserve the GAME in our own Grounds, whether Inclosures, or Out Farms, do hereby Advertise, That we are strictly to put the Laws in Execution against all *Potebers* and Others, who go about with Dogs, Guns or Nets, and have no Privilege for their so doing; having given strict Orders to our Baron-Officers and Constables within our respective Grounds, to apprehend all such unprivileged Persons: And further, do promise a Reward of one Guinea, to be paid by David Baird Merchant in the Parliament-Close, to such as shall discover any such *Potebers*, so as they may be convicted according to Law.

N. B. Tho' by Act of Parliament the GAME is not preserved after the Twentieth August, yet it is in every Man's Power, any Time of the Year, to preserve his Grounds, especially from any such *Potebers* or unprivileged Persons.

SOMERVILLE, for the Lands of Drum.

Sir ALEXR. GILMOUR, for Craigmillar.

JOHN BAIRD, Esq; for Gilmerton, &c.

AND. WAUCHOPE, Esq; for Edmondston, &c.

AND. WAUCHOPE, Esq; for Niddery.

JOHN WATSON, Esq; for Muirhouse.

JAMES WATSON, Esq; for Saughton.

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